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## I. General

### 23 Purpose of the Alarm Regulation:

The alarm order stipulates an immediate concentration of all VP members; it also creates the basis for an implementation of special operative tasks. The alarm regulation applies to the entire Volkspolizei (Uniformed Constabulary, Criminal Police, Motor Transport Control and Administrative Police Sections).

### 3) Giving the Alarm Signal:

The alarm may be given at any time of day or night. In giving the degree of alarm by telephone, care must be taken to use only the police net. Teletype may be used but only coded messages are authorized. In order to guarantee the most efficient notification of police members, each policeman, regardless of his section, must make sure every three months that his present address and house key are in the alarm file of his local precinct. The VP precinct chief has the responsibility of insuring that the alarm files, kept by precinct members, are up to date and are at all times under lock and key. The permission of the President of the Volkspolizei or his deputy must first be received prior to giving the alarm for either "A I" or "A II" (degrees of emergency) during the periods of compulsory political training.

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## II. Degrees of Emergency

The following degrees of emergency exist for the Volkspolizei:

"A I"

"A II"

"A III" (most serious emergency)

The following instructions will dictate which police forces will be available at any given time:

- "A I"      Uniformed Constabulary - The components of each precinct force assigned to guard duty and alert status.\*
- Criminal Police           - One-third of the first strength of all posts.
- Motor Transport Control - Those components on guard and alert status.
- Administrative Police   - The personnel of the civilian registration office.
- "A II"      Uniformed Constabulary - All components, including office force.
- Criminal Police           - Two-thirds of the first strength of all offices.
- Motor Transport Control Section - Personnel of all traffic accident detachments with two operating shifts, all personnel of the most important traffic points, each with 2 units of female traffic police, one-third in readiness in each office, two platoons of the motorized traffic squad to be in ready status, all members of the personnel section (Karteistelle) (Referat II with two shifts).
- Administrative Police   - Personnel of the registration office. All other members will report to their offices, and, if these cannot be reached, to their local precinct.
- "A III"      At the signal for the most serious grade of emergency, ("A III") all members of the police (Uniformed Constabulary, Criminal Police, Motor Transport Control Section and Administrative Police) as well as the Guard Battalion and VP School are placed on the alert.

## III. Uniformed Constabulary

### 1) Normal Status:

The term "Normal Status" is to include the regular forces of all VP posts of the Uniformed Constabulary. The street patrols will be on duty in twelve hour shifts broken into three periods: Active duty - Rest - Alert Status. During the twelve hour alert duty shift no member of the Uniformed Constabulary may leave his residence without giving notice of his whereabouts (e.g. with a neighbor or at his local precinct). He must be able to be reached at all times. If the alarm signal is given, those members of the Uniformed Constabulary who are affected must appear at their posts without delay. In the event that they are

unable, because of special circumstances, to reach their usual posts, they will report either to their local precinct or to the nearest VP post. This post will then list all members of other offices separately according to their section (Criminal, Administrative, etc.) and will report the number present to the next higher command echelon, which will undertake the further transmission of this information.

2) Signalling, Lowering and Rescinding the Degrees of Emergency:

"A I" will be announced and rescinded by:

- a) Precinct chief with the permission of the chief of the Uniformed Constabulary.
- b) Chief of the Uniformed Constabulary upon notifying his section.
- c) VP office chief of the motorized Operative Alert Squad and the chief of the Special Service Branch of the Water Police, VP Section Karlshorst, with the concurrence of the Uniformed Constabulary.
- d) Uniformed Constabulary of the Polizeipräsidium.

"A II" will be announced, lowered and rescinded by:

- a) Chief of the Uniformed Constabulary Section of the Polizeipräsidium.
- b) Office chief of the motorized Operative Alert Squad and chief of the Special Service Branch of the Water Police, VP Section, Karlshorst, with the concurrence of the Uniformed Constabulary.

"A III" announcement, lowering and rescission can be made only by the president of the Volkspolizei or his deputy.

3) Organization of the Police Forces:

The commitment of police forces will take place in the form of alert squads organized in platoons and groups.

The alert squads will be divided into previously-determined sections and subsections with regard to quartering.

The alerted forces of the Uniformed Constabulary will be available to the police district which has announced the alarm.

4) General Performance of Duty During the Alarm:

During the "A I" alarm the guard component will perform its ordinary functions. The office force will not ordinarily be affected during "A I". The VP office chiefs (inspection chiefs, precinct chiefs) may draw upon these forces.

In the event that either "A II" or "A III" is invoked, the general situation will dictate whether the third of the force on duty will continue with its functions. Instructions will be transmitted by the Uniformed Constabulary Section or its command post in the Polizeipräsidium.

No leaves will be granted during either "A II" or "A III". In the event that these degrees of emergency are expected to last for some time, those police members on leave are to be called back to duty.

5) Command Posts of the Uniformed Constabulary:

The Uniformed Constabulary Section will arrange, before the giving of the alarm or for special reasons, a command post in the Polizeipräsidium - separated from the Duty Officer's room, which will be read for 24 hours on a continuous basis. The personnel having access to this room will be chosen according to a special plan.

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The commanders of the squads committed to duty must be in constant communication with the command post.

#### 6. Tasks of the Special Service Branches:

The Special Service Branches of the Uniformed Constabulary have the following duties for the duration of the emergency:

- a) **Factory Guard (S 3a):** Special protection and security measures for all factories of special importance.  
  
If the situation so warrants, Referat S 3a will install its own command post.
- b) **Water Police (S 3b):** The Water Police is responsible for the protection of canals and bridges; they will receive further instructions from the Uniformed Constabulary Section.
- c) **Police Dog Officers:** The commitment of police dogs and their masters will be directed by the Uniformed Constabulary or its command post, depending upon the general police situation. The performance of duty by police dog officers without police dogs can be ordered in exceptional cases, but the care of the animals must be assured.
- d) **Use of Special Searchlight Units:** For large operations at night the employment of special trucks with searchlight apparatus is planned.
- e) **Radio Jamming Indicators:** If necessary the Abteilung Intendantur will supply radio jamming indicators to insure prevention of signal network jamming.
- f) **Police Infirmary:** The police infirmary will take all necessary steps to insure immediate first aid to all wounded.
- g) **VP Prison:** When the alarm of either "A I" or "A II" is given, a reinforced guard will insure the security of the VP prison. If "A III" is sounded, a platoon consisting of a police officer and 25 men will be sent to Polizei Inspektion Berlin-Mitte.
- h) **Police Escort Posts (Überführungsstelle\*\*)**

#### 7. Service Uniform and Special Equipment:

- a) The uniform will generally correspond to the clothing and equipment of regular street patrol duty. In the event a change or supplement to the uniform is necessary, instructions will be given in due course.
- b) For the operations of the alert squads in the event of serious incidents (large fires, catastrophes), special equipment (entrenching tools, rope, oxygen tanks, artificial respiration devices) will be issued to one squad.

### IV. Criminal Police

#### 1) Normal Status:

The term "Normal Status" is to be understood to mean the general Criminal Police force of all VP posts. The normal tour of duty will be from 0800 until 1700 for all members of each post. From 1700 until 2000 one member of the Criminal Police will be assigned to duty at each district Criminal Commissariat and precinct Criminal Police office. From 2000 until 0800 and on Sundays and holidays, three members of the Criminal Police will be assigned to each district Criminal Commissariat.

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2) Alarm Status:

When the alarm signal is given, those police officers on alert status will report without delay to their Dezernat or local Commissariat. In the event that the assigned post cannot be reached because of unusual circumstances, the police officers will report either to their local precinct or to the nearest police post (precinct or precinct sub-station). This post will then report the number of members of other posts, by sections (Uniformed Constabulary, Criminal Police, etc.) to the next highest command echelon (e.g. District Headquarters) which will undertake the further transmission of the report. The chief of each post must exercise close supervision over his forces.

3) Signalling, Lowering and Rescinding the Degrees of Alarm:

"A I" - will be sounded and rescinded by:

- a) Dezernat and Criminal Commissariat chiefs or their deputies on instructions or -- in cases of local emergencies -- with the permission of the directorate of the Criminal Police.
- b) Directorate of the Criminal Police Section.

"A II" - will be ordered, lowered and rescinded by the directorate of the Criminal Police Section.

"A III" - will be ordered, lowered and rescinded only by the president of the Volkspolizei or by his deputy.

4. Giving the Alarm:

In the event "A I" goes into effect, the chiefs of the Dezernate or their deputies are responsible for advising Criminal police headquarters of the disposition of the police effectives to be alerted.

The local chiefs of the Criminal Commissariats or their deputies will inform their after-hours and night forces of the disposition of the police to be alerted. The permanent headquarters force and the after-hours and night forces of the Commissariats will then immediately inform the local home precincts affected and the latter will then undertake the notification of the police members listed in the local precinct alarm files.

Should "A III" be enforced, the same alerting procedure will be used. In the case of "A III", the alarm will be given on the basis of the local precinct alarm files directly to all members affected.

The carrying out of assigned duties during the alarm period will be dictated by the situation and the instructions of those Section chiefs who gave the alarm.

5. Criminal Police Command Post:

The Criminal Police Section will arrange for its own command post in the Polizeipräsidium upon the commitment of its members in any operation.

When operations are undertaken in common with other police sections, a corresponding number of Criminal Police members will be assigned to the main command post.

In the event members of the Criminal Police are committed in any operation, they will have their own command posts within the local Criminal Commissariats.

In common operations with other sections of the police the command post of the VP District Headquarters will be occupied.

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jointly by representatives of the sections committed and by forces of the Criminal Commissariats.

6) Equipment and Service Uniform:

All uniformed members of the Criminal Police will, unless otherwise instructed, wear the regular uniform when the alarm is given.

7) Organization and Group Leaders:

The operative police groups will be allotted in accordance with the situation and the Group Leaders will be named accordingly.

V. Motor Transport Control Section (KFZ-Inspektion)

1) Normal Status:

The term "Normal Status" will include the general strength in all VP posts and stations of the Motor Transport Control Section. Traffic regulation patrols will operate on the basis of Duty - Alert Status - Duty from 0800 to 2000. During the period of Alert Status, all members of the Section will report to their stations.

Patrolmen assigned to Traffic Supervision Duty will operate on a schedule of Duty - Off Duty - Alert Status.

Personnel assigned to administrative duty can at any time during the period of "A I" and "A II" emergency, if the situation so dictates, be committed.

Drivers will, insofar as they are not committed in other operations (Dezernate Drivers), perform office duties in corresponding shifts of Duty - Off Duty - Alert Status.

2) Ordering, Lowering and Rescinding the Degree of Emergency:

"A I" - will be ordered and rescinded by:

- a) Motor Transport Control Section chiefs stationed at the VP-District Headquarters, with the permission of the Chief of the Uniformed Constabulary.
- b) Operations Officer of the Traffic Accident Detachment.
- c) Operations Officer of the motorized Traffic Squad.
- d) Chief of Referat I, upon notification of the Chief of the Motor Transport Control Section.

"A II" - will be ordered, lowered and rescinded by:

- a) Chiefs of the Referate I through IV with the permission of the Chief of the Motor Transport Control Section.
- b) VP-Office Chiefs of the Motor Transport Control Section, with permission of the Chief of the MTC Section.
- c) Operations Officer of the Traffic Accident Detachment, with permission of the Chief of Referat III and Chief of the MTC Section.

"A III" - Ordering, lowering (in degree) and rescinding of the alarm status will take place only on order of the president of the Volkspolizei or his deputy.

3) Performance of Duty During the Alarm Period:

The personnel assigned to office duty will be subdivided according to the situation and reason for their deployment and will be committed by the Chief of Referat I. The assignment of suitable

VP forces to other VP-offices and stations will be made by the chief of Referat I in agreement with the chief of the Motor Transport Control Section.

4) Command Post of the Motor Transport Control Section:

When the alarm signal is given, a command post will be instituted in Referat I. Each Referat of the MTC Section will delegate a representative to this command post. The chief of Referat I will act as chief of the command post.

During the periods of "A II" and "A III" emergencies, a member of the MTC Section will be stationed at the central command post of the Polizeipräsidium.

5) Service Uniform and Equipment:

In general, the uniform will correspond to the uniform regulations in effect in the MTC Section. In the event changes are made, due notice will be given.

Special equipment and checks of all VP vehicles (tanking, preparation of reserve vehicles, etc.) will be arranged through special orders of Referat IV.

VI. Administrative Police

1) Normal Status:

The term "Normal Status" is meant to include the general office force assigned to all posts and stations of the Administrative Police.

The general tour of duty will be performed at the central stations and the administrative offices from 0800 until 1700 and at the registration offices (Meldestellen) in the precincts from 0800 until 1800 hours.

On Saturdays the central stations and the administrative offices will be open until 1400 hours, while the registration offices will maintain the same hours as on weekdays. On Sundays all offices will be closed with the exception of the permanent night force at the Residents Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt).

2) Ordering, Lowering (in degree) and Rescinding the Degrees of Emergency:

"A I" ) - will be ordered and rescinded by the chief of the  
"A II") Administrative Police Section or by his representative.

"A III" - Only the president of the Volkspolizei or his representative can order, lower (in degree) and rescind the "A III" status.

The chief of the Administrative Police Section or his deputy is empowered to place all members of the Section under the command of the Chief of the Uniformed Constabulary (Polizeipräsidium) or the Office Chief of the VP-District Headquarters for the duration of the alarm status. Those Administrative Police members physically unfit for emergency duty during the alert will be employed on office duty.

3) Command Post of the Administrative Police:

When the Administrative Police members are committed in any emergency operation, the Section will institute its own command post within the Polizeipräsidium. When operations are undertaken in common with other police Sections, the Administrative Police will have a corresponding number of representatives at the central command post.

4) Equipment and Uniform:

The regular uniform, including belt and shoulder strap, will be worn.

VII. Final Instructions

- 1) At the sounding of the alarm, emergency operative tasks must receive the main emphasis. For this reason close cooperation must be maintained among all the Sections of the Volkspolizei.

The office, alert squad and police platoon leaders are charged with the responsibility, upon notification of special operations, of committing police members to action taking due regard of the training and previous experience of the police under their command.

2) Maintenance:

During operations which last more than 15 hours, all policemen so committed will receive provisions from the Intendantur Section according to special provision regulations.

Alert squad and platoon leaders are responsible for an efficient distribution of the provisions.

3) Safekeeping of Official Affairs:

All VP-station and post chiefs must take the necessary security measures for the safekeeping of official affairs. The fulfillment of large and important tasks can be accomplished, in spite of all organizational and other special precautions, only if planned actions are treated in strict confidence and are not known previously to the opponent. Only a small circle of police members may be allowed to have access to orders and instructions which pertain to operations.

25X1A \*( [REDACTED] Comment: The Uniformed Constabulary assigned to each precinct is divided into thirds, with each component rotating on actual guard duty, alerted reserve and off duty status).

25X1A \*\* ( [REDACTED] Comment: The officers assigned to escort duty are members of the Criminal Police who conduct arrested persons from the place of arrest to that agency of the police deemed competent to handle the case, as well as from temporary detention barracks to the police prison. In view of the constant alert status maintained by the escort officers, the special provisions of the alarm regulation do not apply to them).

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